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Subject: Plainwell Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan
March- April 2007 Progress Report

Dear Sam:

As required by Task 8, *Progress Reports*, in the Statement of Work for the RI/FS at the Plainwell Inc., Mill Property, I am submitting the attached progress report for the period from March 17, through April 13, 2007, for the above-referenced site.

Please call me, at (253) 924-3746, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Weyerhaeuser Company


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Progress Report No. 8
March 17, Through April 13, 2007

Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study
Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan

This progress report (No. 8) is being submitted in accordance with Task 8, *Progress Reports*, and the *Schedule for Major Deliverables* contained in the Statement of Work for the RI/FS at the Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property. This report covers work conducted from approximately March 17, 2007 to April 18, 2007.

1. Summary of Work Performed During the Current Reporting Period:
 - On March 27, Weyerhaeuser and the City finalized the notes for the Developers Forum that was held on January 31, and Weyerhaeuser provided a copy to the U.S. EPA. The City posted the notes on its Web site.
 - Weyerhaeuser has continued telephone communications with the Plainwell City Manager regarding the city's vision for the Mill site and the schedule of the city's redevelopment planning process.
2. Summary of Data Collected During the Current Reporting Period:
 - No data were collected.
3. Summary of Activities Undertaken in Support of the Community Relations Plan (completed during the current reporting period and anticipated during the next period):
 - No activities were undertaken during the current reporting period, and none are anticipated during the next period.
4. Summary of Any Modifications to the Work Plans or Other Schedules Proposed To, or Approved By, the U.S. EPA:
 - None.
5. Summary of Problems/Challenges Encountered During the Current Reporting Period:
 - On February 28, the U.S. EPA announced that two agreements were reached with Georgia-Pacific and Millennium Holdings to perform a time-critical removal action (TCRA) in the Former Plainwell Impoundment, and to conduct a Supplemental RI/FS of the entire Kalamazoo River, including the former paper mills. Weyerhaeuser is reviewing the agreements and planning documents to assess the potential implications for the Plainwell Mill RI/FS and RD/RA as well as the impacts on the 12th Street Landfill selected remedy and RD/RA tasks.
6. Summary and Schedule of Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period:
 - Weyerhaeuser will continue to review the agreements and planning documents for the TCRA in the Plainwell Impoundment to assess potential implications for the Plainwell Mill (and the 12th Street Landfill), and to evaluate options for implementing the activities required by the Consent Decree between Weyerhaeuser and the U.S. EPA for the Plainwell Mill (and the 12th Street Landfill) in a manner that is compatible with the activities and schedules for the TCRA and the Supplemental RI/FS. As needed, Weyerhaeuser may request information from the U.S. EPA to support its evaluation.

- Weyerhaeuser will also continue to review the agreements and planning documents for the Supplemental RI/FS for the Kalamazoo River to allow comparison of the scope of Supplemental RI activities at the other Kalamazoo River Mills to the scope of work proposed for the Plainwell Mill RI. This information will be used to support the Plainwell Mill RI data collection and interpretation activities in a manner consistent with the other closed down mills along the river.
 - The City is continuing its land use planning process and then will update the community on its status and next steps at a public meeting (date unknown). Weyerhaeuser will consider any available land use planning information when assessing the results of the initial sampling activities presented in the proposed work plan to determine any impacts on the data collection needs for the Plainwell Mill RI.
 - On September 29, Weyerhaeuser submitted the Draft RI/FS Work Plan and the Draft Sampling and Analysis Plan to the U.S. EPA for review. On November 20, the U.S. EPA provided preliminary comments on the Draft Health and Safety Plan. When comments on other components of these documents are provided by the U.S. EPA, Weyerhaeuser will review and begin addressing them, pursuant to the schedule contained in the SOW.
7. Anticipated Problems Associated with Work During the Next Period:
- None.
8. Planned Resolution of Past or Anticipated Problems:
- None are needed.
9. Other Relevant Information:
- None.